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Hunt for cat killer

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A MOTHER-OF-FOUR has been left horrified and distraught after her family's cat was killed outside their house.

The children, aged four to 14, were up all night crying on Monday after the cat they named Rat, *pictured*, who was just over a year old, was found covered in blood.

It is believed the pet was bludgeoned to death with a rock and sticks.

Anne-Marie Clare, a care support worker, is now warning other cat owners to be on their guard following the incident, which the RSPCA is currently investigating.

The 32-year-old, who lives in Cambridge Street, Wolverton, said: "I had popped to the shop and my

teenage daughter called me in tears saying the cat had been run over.

"We found him in the alley behind our house with horrific head injuries and blood was splattered everywhere.

"My neighbours had to help me pick Rat up as I couldn't believe how damaged he was - I can't even describe it. I have never seen so much blood from such a small animal.

"The RSPCA said if he had been run over he would have had more internal injuries and maybe blood from his ears or mouth but this looked nothing like that.

"The RSPCA has collected Rat's body and told us not to clean the alley so they can see the scene.

"We also put the rock and sticks covered in blood in a bag for them.

"I just can't imagine how someone could do that. It looks like he was

held down and beaten."

The attack happened between 5.30pm and 5.35pm on Monday.

Miss Clare added: "Unfortunately my four-year-old saw it and all of the children were up all night sobbing.



"My six-year-old daughter is distraught as she slept with him every night.

"My dad passed away last year so I told the kids that Rat was keeping grandad company now.

"I have heard of cats being poisoned before in Wolverton but not beaten near houses.

"The police said it was a matter for the RSPCA as it wasn't a dog, horse or cow, but he was still a family pet. We are all heartbroken.

"I hope anyone who saw anything will come forward."

Witnesses are being asked to call the RSPCA on 0300 1234 999.

A spokesman said: "This sounds like a really upsetting situation.

"At present we do not know how this cat was killed, so we urge anyone with any information to call us in complete confidence."



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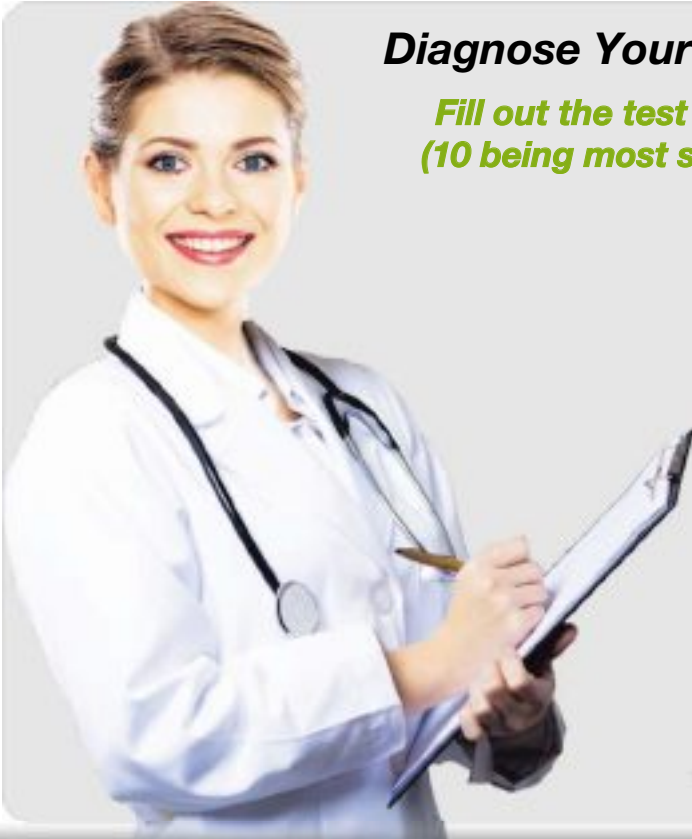
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Underpass and building site fires could be arson

ARSONISTS are believed to have started two fires on Monday night.

At 9.36pm a fire started on the scaffolding of a four-storey building under construction by Taylor Wimpey in Dalgin Place, Campbell Park.

About 20 minutes earlier there was a fire in an underpass in Kirkstall Place, Oldbrook.

Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service has told OneMK it believes the fires were started deliberately. Witnesses can call police on 101.

Bands perform at Glastonbury

THREE bands from the city took to the stage at Glastonbury at the weekend.

Pop group Gwen and the Good Thing and indie rock singer Rocky Nti performed on the BBC Introducing Stage, while folk band Forest of Fools were on the Pyramid Bandstand Stage.

Gwen and the Good Thing's lead singer Gwen Taylor said: "Playing to an incredibly warm Glastonbury audience, along with a live-stream to all of our fans back home, on such an iconic stage definitely made it the most exciting gig we've played so far. Definitely a dream come true."



Deliberate act: Roy Brinsley at the firefighter's grave in Selbourne Cemetery

Vandals cause grave concern

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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POLICE will be patrolling a cemetery after vandals damaged the grave of a firefighter.

A resident, who has been left shocked and horrified by the attack at Selbourne Cemetery in Bletchley, now fears his wife's grave will be targeted.

Milton Keynes Council, which manages the site, confirmed a dog walker saw a man using a metal bollard to smash the photo of the young fireman on the headstone.

Roy Brinsley, 75, said: "I was shocked by what happened, which could only have been done deliberately."

"I go to the cemetery every weekend to visit my wife, whose grave is so close to the fireman's, so I am worried they could come for her – and me as I am

going to go in there some day." Mr Brinsley told OneMK this is not the first time there has been problems at the cemetery. He says other graves have had items stolen from them and watering cans regularly go missing.

"A light I had on my wife's grave, which was worth £100, was stolen and I did report it to police, but often other people who have things stolen do not report it," added Mr Brinsley, from Bletchley. "Despite the bollards, people remove them and drive into the area to drink and smoke in their cars."

"The management of this cemetery is a disgrace and I think they need someone to lock the gates every night."

A council spokesman said: "We do our best to keep incidents to a minimum and continue to work in partnership with Thames Valley Police to ensure the area is part of their regular patrols."

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Frying high: Brian Walls' eggs alerted the fire service

Brian left with egg on his face for a hot date

BY XENIA RIMMER
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WHEN retired electrical engineer Brian Walls invited a date for dinner he didn't know how hot the evening would get.

Brian had planned a simple meal of gammon, egg and chips for one of his female neighbours in Lovat Fields retirement village at Willen.

But as the ingredients sizzled nicely on Wednesday he got a little carried away with the cooking oil. And, thanks to the automated fire alarms at the village, an SOS had been silently sent to the fire and rescue service.

As the 65-year-old's date arrived at his door, so too did Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service.

"It was the eggs that left me with egg on my face," said a red-faced Brian. "I had the cooking under control and had no idea firemen had been called."

"Fortunately no harm was done – but my friend thought all her Christmases had come at once when she saw the hunky firemen."

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Men guilty of a 'vicious attack'

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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TWO men have been sentenced after being found guilty of grievous bodily harm.

Lewis Wilson, pictured, 20, and Daniel Bidmead, 34, both of Tulla Court, Bletchley, pleaded guilty to grievous bodily harm at Amersham Crown Court on Thursday.

Wilson was sentenced to two years in jail, while Bidmead received a two-year prison sentence, suspended for two years.

The sentences relate to an assault that happened at about 12.30am on February 14, 2015 in Strangford Drive,



Lakes Estate, Bletchley, in which Wilson and Bidmead punched a 32-year-old man to the floor.

Wilson continued to attack

the victim by repeatedly kicking him.

The 32-year-old man received a broken jaw and required hospital treatment. Both men were arrested shortly after and charged on May 9, 2015.

Detective Constable Serena Bellis of Milton Keynes CID said: "This was a vicious attack but as this conviction demonstrates, Thames Valley Police will find those responsible and bring them to justice."

"Lewis and Daniel have admitted responsibility for their actions and pleaded guilty to the offences, but this sort of violent offending will not be tolerated."

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Free family fun event

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Woman traumatised after assault in home

A YOUNG woman has been left terrified after a man attacked her in her Wolverton home.

Police are looking for a man in his late teens or early 20s after he assaulted the woman at about 2pm last Wednesday.

The offender knocked on the door of the property off Western Road and then forced his way in and stole an Apple Macbook.

The woman, who has been

left traumatised by the incident, suffered bruising to her face and chest when the man barged past her to enter the home and pushed her to the floor as he left.

He is described as white, about 5ft 10ins and of average build.

He had his face partially covered by a scarf and was wearing dark clothing.

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Where do I fit in after vote?

AS AN immigrant to this country I am deeply hurt and saddened by the tone of the debate and the subsequent vote to leave the European Union.

My grandparents were immigrants from Greece who brought up their family in Wales.

My father – son of an immigrant – was a Major in the British Army who valiantly fought in the Second World War and served in senior posts in the Colonial Civil Service for most of his working life.

I – granddaughter of immigrants – worked for the NHS for 42 years, served my community on Milton Keynes Council for 27 years and was a magistrate for 20.

My children are hard-working, socially engaged and deeply rooted members of their own communities.

I now no longer feel at home and do not know where I fit in.

I have no doubt that very many immigrants who, like me, love this country and have made their home here feel that they have been used as scapegoats and are equally hurt by both the tone of the debate and its outcome.

I hope that in Milton Keynes, a new city, where most folk are moving in 'new', we might show that we can reject the vile language of xenophobia and be the open, generous and welcoming society that accepted my grandparents and allowed them to work hard, prosper and make their contribution to this country.

Alderman Irene Henderson
Newport Pagnell

Disbelief at letter

WITH reference to your article in your June 22 edition referring to the letter left at Bar Bar Black Sheep in Wolverton by someone

who took offence to it supporting Orlando after the shooting.

I was reading the article out (in disbelief) to my family and got to the quote which stated "Children could walk past this sign and you could have a negative influence on decisions they make in life."

My 15-year-old daughter's response to that was "What if a teenager who knew he was gay, but wasn't confident enough to tell anyone, walks past and sees the sign?"

"It could give him the boost he needs to come out. It would help him realise he's not alone."

Perhaps if the person who typed the letter (typed and unsigned, so they couldn't be identified? Brave!) opened their mind a little they could see that it is homophobia that causes the problem, not who you fall in love with.

Rachel Fernandes
Sent via email

comment

Mark Lancaster

His column written exclusively for OneMK



REMAIN voter and MP for Milton Keynes North Mark Lancaster says he is sorry to see Prime Minister David Cameron step down following the result of the European Union Referendum but insists the city can still be 'prosperous'.

"I think he has been an excellent Prime Minister – I'm genuinely very sorry to see him leave but he has made his reasons why clear."

"After making the announcement, I think it is right he will steady the ship until a new PM comes in."

"At the end of the day, it was a 52 to 48 per cent marginal split, but I absolutely accept the decision."

"I think it was good we had two MPs representing either side of the vote, but now we are committed in delivering a successful future for MK."

"My concern is the medium-term impact it will have on the economy in Milton Keynes, but Iain Stewart [MP for MK South] and I are determined to work together and help guide the city."

"For us, I think we need to reassure investors in the city that we are still very much open for business."



Your views on our Facebook page about Milton Keynes Council planning to build more houses

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Andrea Campbell: "If the council had stopped selling houses in the first place, we wouldn't be in such a bad state as we are now! It's about time it started doing something to help those people in the UK who need this so desperately."

Mark 'Troy Danger' Halstead: "Or, do we educate our children better, teach them that nothing comes for free and have them respect their neighbours, peers and employers so they can leave school/college/university and go into a job that will allow them to make their own way in the world?"

Becca Crabb: "Yes definitely need more social housing. It's great for all

those that were/are able to buy at a reduced rate but then social housing runs out. The amount of housing benefit that is being paid for those in private rent must be incredibly high when those who receive it could possibly afford social rent (this is me at the moment)."

Ross Northing: "Yes, there is a desperate need. Not everyone born can gain high paid employment and afford to pay mortgages at up to eight times their salary. The provision of decent housing for all is an urgent need."

Skinny Clifton: "If the council didn't sell 90 per cent of its properties to private landlords then we might not be

in such a state that we are now with people living in temporary accommodation or on the streets."

Robert Woodman: "Yes we do but our government needs to stop the right to buy scheme – if you want to buy a house go and buy one not a council/housing association house."

Shireen Hall: "Yes in particular bungalows for the elderly and more family sized homes."

Stuart Rouse: "Yes! Who can get a mortgage on a zero hours contract and why should people be forced into a 25 year debt?"

Jayne Stringer: "Wonder if this will be in the regeneration plans that will come out next year?"



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Bright horizon: The colourful parade makes its way through the rain



Carnival parade shines through the rain

HUNDREDS of residents lined the street to watch the Newport Pagnell Carnival parade on Saturday.

The heavens opened just in time to get all those waiting and taking part in the High Street parade soaking wet. But the

community spirit shone through as carnival queens, schools, charities and businesses showed off their floats decorated in this year's theme of sporting moments.

As always there were lots of surprises from Disney princesses, miniature

horses and a quidditch team.

People then made their way to Riverside Meadow where there were lots of stalls, food stands and a funfair to enjoy.

See videos and more pictures from the event at onemk.co.uk

Appeal to help flooded family

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A CHARITY that has been supporting a family following the death of a child is now appealing for help after their home was damaged by recent flooding.

Harry's Rainbow, a city based charity that supports children who have lost a parent or sibling, is trying to help the mum and her five-year-old daughter from Bradwell.

The mum, who did not want to be named, went into premature labour with twins at just 26 weeks and was rushed

to a specialist hospital.

One girl was born weighing less than two pounds and the second was born days later but tragically only lived for 10 hours.

If this wasn't hard enough to deal with, following the recent storms the family returned home to find their whole ground floor flooded.

Founder of Harry's Rainbow, Odette Mould, appealed on Facebook for help from carpet fitters, decorators and volunteers to help make the family's living room and kitchen liveable again.

Following the post, which

has been shared more than 170 times since last Wednesday, the charity has experienced an incredible response, but still needs some help.

Odette said: "The family are overwhelmed with the kindness everyone has shown."

"I think we are still looking for anyone that could supply painting and decorating materials."

Anyone wanting to offer their time, skills, paint, decorating material, or make a donation to help the family can email odette@harrysrainbow.co.uk

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Litter awareness

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Oxygen after blaze

OXYGEN had to be given to a man after a fire at a house in Old Grove Way, Simpson, on Saturday at 7.49am.

Plug fire sparks safety warning

FIREFIGHTERS are warning residents after they were called to a plug socket fire on Monday night.

The fire started in a plug socket on the landing of a two-storey detached house in Upton Grove, Shenley Lodge, at 2.32am.

Crews from Great Holm and

Bletchley attended and isolated the electricity, used a dry powder extinguisher, a positive pressure ventilation fan, checked for fire spread and gave advice.

Bucks Fire advises residents to not leave items charging for long periods or overnight. See more top tips at onemk.co.uk

Child sex offender walks

A TEENAGER has avoided going to jail after he incited a girl under the age of 13 to engage in sexual activity.

Jack Barnes, 18, of Grangers Croft, Hodge Lea, has been given an 18-month suspended prison sentence, an education

and employment training order and placed on the Sex Offenders Register for 10 years.

He pleaded guilty to the offence, which took place between 2010 and 2011, before being sentenced at Aylesbury Crown Court on Thursday.

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University of MK proposed

MILTON Keynes Councillor Sam Crooks is calling for the city to have its own university – and OneMK readers agree in our online poll.

Cllr Crooks, who is chairman of the council's Children and Young People Committee, said: "Milton Keynes has an unparalleled opportunity to achieve its

own university."

Last month's government White Paper announced proposals that will make it easier for new 'challenger' institutions to award their own degrees for courses in areas where the country has a skills shortage such as science, technology and engineering.

Eighty-five per cent of our poll voters wanted to see a MK university, while 11 per cent said no and three per cent maybe.

The committee has set up a working party and will be making its recommendations to the council in July.

Share your views at onemk.co.uk



In loving memory: Neo Dundon and teacher Mike Stewart at the bench for Neesha-Leigh Dundon, inset

School's tribute to Neesha-Leigh

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A MEMORIAL bench for a 12-year-old who was killed in a road accident has been placed at her favourite spot at her school.

Neesha-Leigh Dundon died when she was hit by a car while crossing the V8 Marlborough Street just before Christmas in 2014.

As reported by OneMK, her mother Kayleigh has since been urging others to use the redway system and underpasses and not risk their lives crossing fast and busy roads.

In memory of Neesha-Leigh, described as a happy and bubbly girl, Stantonbury Campus has raised money for a special bench that her

friends and other students can enjoy.

Mrs Dundon said: "It is really lovely and it was down to the school.

"They had a fundraising concert last year and managed to raise enough money to not only get the bench but to donate to Harry's Rainbow, which has really supported our family.

"It is Neesha-Leigh's birthday on July 6 so it is a nice surprise for us and Neesha's brother Neo, who now goes to the school.

"It is nice for him to sit there and know she is still being remembered.

"They have put it behind the dining hall near a yellow door where Neesha used to hang about.

"I asked for the rest of the money the school raised to go to Harry's Rainbow, who have done so much for us and are just amazing.

"We are going to stay in their caravan to get away as a family on Neesha's birthday."

Mike Stewart, head of Neesha-Leigh's year group, said: "Neesha-Leigh was a vibrant young student who embraced life at school. She had a good sense of friendship and would always see the good in people.

"The tragic circumstances of her death had a profound effect on her friends.

"Students and staff of the campus feel placing a bench in honour of the memory of Neesha-Leigh is a fitting tribute."

Neighbourhood Plan awards

THE Newport Pagnell Neighbourhood Plan has won a national award at a prestigious planning event.

The plan was prepared by Newport Pagnell Town Council and Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

Councillor Phil Winsor, who attended the awards event in London, was

delighted to receive the accolade for 'best example of a Neighbourhood Plan in the United Kingdom'.

But the praise didn't end there, as Cllr Winsor was invited to receive the overall Editor's Award from The Planning Society for the most significant contribution towards planning from the 40

award categories.

A town council spokesman said: "This is definitely the icing on the cake for all the hard work undertaken over a three-year period by residents, councillors and officers of the town council involved in the steering group and for those many residents who voted yes to support the plan."

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Street food fest

Independent businesses celebrated

INDEPENDENT businesses are continuing to submit entries for OneMK's Made In MK Awards – but we still want more.

As previously reported, the awards aim to highlight the hard work of independent businesses and community organisations.

There are 10 categories including Best Local Producer – which could be a drinks or food producer that sells its product locally at farmers' markets, butchers, greengrocers, or online – and Best Eating Out Establishment, which is aimed at independent pubs, restaurants, and cafes that serve excellent food using local produce.

Editor Cally Jenkins said: "It seems that every week we hear of a new business coming to the city and we want to celebrate this."

The deadline for entries is July 15. Nominate at onemk.co.uk/8203-Nominations-open-MK-Awards-2016/story-29151791-detail/story.html



Celebrating local: Gordon Walker from Urban Grilla

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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CATERERS Urban Grilla have cooked up a Food and Fun Day to celebrate other local vendors and producers.

The pop-up event is being held at Wyvern School in Wolverton on Sunday from 11am, where stands will be offering some tasty treats.

Food will come from vendors including the Good Times Cafe in Bletchley with their oh-so-cheesy grilled sandwiches and Taco Shack from Wolverton, which beefs up its burritos with chilli sauces.

Event organisers Urban Grilla, based in Wolverton, will be barbecuing locally

sourced free range chicken, pork and lamb. Those with a sweet tooth will be in luck too with the Wooden Spoon Baker from Wolverton.

And the bar will be open, staffed by Milton Keynes' first micro-pub MK Biergarten from Wolverton, which will be serving a selection of local and craft beers to whet your appetite.

Gordon Walker, from Urban Grilla, said: "We feel it is important to support local farmers, bakeries, grocers and other local businesses and want this event to introduce people to some great local street food and artisan products made by people with a passion for what they do."

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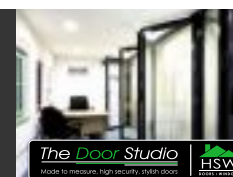
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Emergency services base: The first artist impression of the blue light hub in West Ashland near stadiummk in Bletchley

View plans for blue light hub

RESIDENTS will have the opportunity to view and comment on plans for the proposed blue light hub development in West Ashland next month, before planning approval is sought.

The development for the police, fire and ambulance service will go on public display in Simpson Village Hall from 11am to 7.30pm on July 8. See more at onemk.co.uk

City opts out in vote to leave EU

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MILTON Keynes voted to come out of the European Union in a historic referendum that saw the UK choose to leave after 43 years of membership.

Now Milton Keynes People's Assembly will hold a meeting to discuss what leaving means for the city, broaching topics from housing to the NHS, at YMCA in North Sixth Street,

CMK, on July 6 at 7pm.

MPs Mark Lancaster and Iain Stewart have also called for 'stability' in the wake of Brexit and insist the city is still open for business.

With a high turnout of 73.7 per cent in Milton Keynes, 51.4 per cent of voters opted to leave, while 48.6 per cent wanted to remain.

In a joint statement, the city's MPs said: "Clearly Milton Keynes and the UK have made a clear decision on

our future relationship with the EU. It was a huge exercise of democracy and it is important that we accept the majority view. We now need a time of stability and both of us will be working to ensure our economy continues to be successful and adapts to the new political environment."

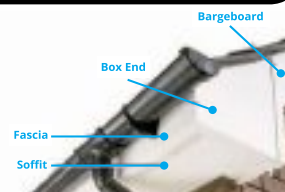
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Tyres slashed on new cycles

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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VANDALS damaged cycles used for the city's new rental scheme – less than week after they were made available to the public.

Pictures shared with OneMK show tyres have been slashed on some of the bikes at the docking station by the shops in Coffee Hall.

Santander Cycles MK, which launched the scheme on June 17, is now working with the police to try and catch the offenders.

A spokesman for Santander Cycles MK said: "We're aware there have been some tyres slashed on our bikes."

"We're liaising with the police to find the culprits and ensure they are prosecuted."

"We are also working with our Cycle Saviours team to ensure that as many of the bikes as possible are back up and running so people can keep using them."

Residents are also being urged to look after the bikes by Cycle Saviours – the



Vandalism: The slashed tyres on some of the Santander Cycles

company responsible for maintaining them.

The technology on the bikes, controlled by nextbike, can track where they are and shows the details of who rented them.

Users will receive a £75 fine for a damaged bike and a £10 collection fee, plus £1 per mile from the nearest docking station, if a cycle is not returned. They will also be handed a £25 fine for a lost or damaged lock.

People have been commenting about the vandalism on OneMK's Facebook page.

Allan O'Neill said: "MK isn't the sort of place for nice things unfortunately."

Phil Lee added: "Not surprised." Anyone who sees bikes have been damaged is urged to call 020 8166 9851, visit santandercyclesmk.co.uk or email customer service at customerservice@nextbike.co.uk



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'Excited': Ken Tomkins, who runs three restaurants across the city including Brickhill, has announced the introduction of table service to deliver a 'fast and easy experience'

'Next level' service

BY CHRIS KNIGHT

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BURGER fans can now have McDonald's delivered to their table at a restaurant in the city.

Table service has been introduced at the Brickhill branch following a successful trial at 14 restaurants across the UK.

Customers can now make their orders at the self-service digital kiosks and take a seat to wait for their food.

McDonald's franchisee Ken Tomkins, who runs three restaurants across the city

including Brickhill, was 'excited' to announce the launch of the service.

He said: "For example, we know for parents it can sometimes be a stressful experience ordering at the till and

carrying food while keeping an eye on children, so table service enables customers to order at the kiosk and sit down at a designated zone to be served their food.

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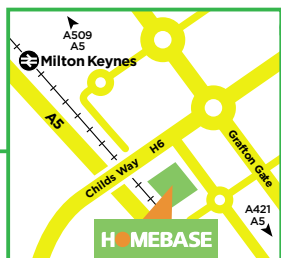
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Anti-bullying app developed

A FORMER Milton Keynes charity leader has developed an app to help children who are suffering from bullying at school.

Gary Payne has built the app from scratch, which directly lets parents know when their child is being bullied, after he disbanded Young People are our Future.

He said that schools were either 'horrendous or brilliant' at dealing with bullying.

Self-defence: Gary Payne has developed an app to try to help students being bullied at school

Police stop school journey risk takers

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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POLICE teamed up with Milton Keynes Council on Friday morning in a bid to ensure parents were driving their children to school safely.

A number of youngsters were found without a seatbelt on and two drivers had more children than seats.

The operation was carried out in Currier Drive near V8

Marlborough Street. Road Safety Officer PC Liz Johnson said: "The aim of the operation was to speak to drivers who had children who were not suitably restrained in their vehicles, or drivers who were not wearing their seatbelts.

"The operation was a success with a number of parents taking their children to school given suitable advice. Two drivers had more children than seats or seat-

belts in their vehicles and were each issued tickets.

"One driver had the chord exposed on his tyres and was also issued a ticket.

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1 A comic making workshop with Neill Cameron will take place on Saturday, July 16 from 1-3pm and is suitable for

ages six to 12. Entrance is £3.

2 There will be superhero mask and puppet making with Bob and Bob Jobbins on Sunday, July 17 between noon and 5pm. This free event is suitable for ages four to 10.

3 Mimbire is an acrobat and humour show. The free performance takes place on Sunday, July 17 at 1.45pm and 4.15pm.

4 Toc De Fusta – a show full of brain-teasing puzzles and games – will be held on Saturday, July 23 and Sunday, July 24. It is free to attend between 11am and 5pm.

5 Hear stories of wit and virtue by Les Enfants

Terribles on July 23 and 24. The free show at 11.15am and 1.55pm lasts 35 minutes.

6 See some free micro-Shakespeare with Laitrum Theatre and Toti Toronell on July 23 and 24 from noon to 3pm.

7 Les Enfants Terribles is a free theatrical spectacle on July 23 at 12.55pm and 4pm and July 24 at 1pm and 3.45pm.

8 The Wheel House is a promenade show of theatre and acrobatics, which unfolds inside a rolling set. It can be seen for free on July 23 and 25 at 11am and 2pm.

9 Don't miss the Theatre of Widdershins' storytelling show with beautifully crafted puppets on July 23 at 11.30am, 1pm, 2.30pm and 4pm.

10 Co-commissioned by IF, All at Sea is a free poetic theatre installation set in a boat on July 23 at 12.15pm and 3.15pm.

11 Acrojou's Frantic is another free acrobatic show on July 23 at 1.40pm and 3.30pm.

12 The Comedy Club 4 Kids workshop on July 24 between 11am and 1pm is for all those budding comedians.

13 The Comedy Club 4 Kids show takes place on July 24 at 2pm. Tickets are £10, or £9 for under 16s.

Find more information on these events and how to book your tickets at onemk.co.uk



Fun: Clockwise from top, Les Enfants Terribles, arts and craft workshops, Comedy Club 4 Kids



The Bard: Micro-Shakespeare will open children's imagination



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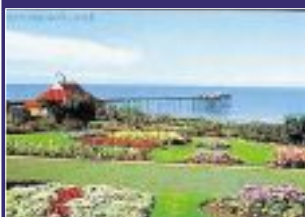
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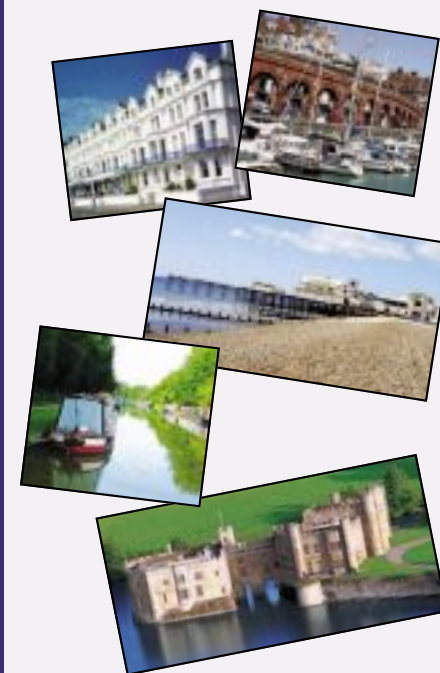
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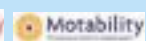
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Rubbish delays due to adverse weather

BY SCOTT KIRK
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HOMEOWNERS were left fuming after their rubbish wasn't collected.

The recent bad weather has had a major knock-on effect on waste management company Serco's ability to get rid of rubbish because of delays at the landfill dropping off point.

Councillor Paul Bartlett, from Stony Stratford, claimed residents have been up in arms after household rubbish had not been collected six days after it should have been.

Cllr Bartlett said: "I returned home on Friday from Coventry and found rubbish had not been collected.

"An excuse was given on social media blaming flash floods but why was nothing done until Monday? "It's a disgrace and not

acceptable for Stony and for residents who deserve an apology and a full explanation."

Cllr Bartlett is to raise the matter at a future meeting of Stony Stratford Town Council.

A spokesman for Milton Keynes Council, which contracts Serco to collect residents' rubbish, said: "The adverse weather has caused a number of problems for our waste and recycling collection crews. Some roads were flooded and saturated ground can cause problems for heavy bin lorries.

"Our contractor, Serco, put in place emergency catch up runs, which continued over the weekend and into Monday which was another wet day.

"We apologise for any inconvenience caused, however, when there are adverse weather conditions like this inevitably there will be some disruption to services."




Waste wait: Rubbish piles up in Stony Stratford

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New patron for cancer charity

RISING soprano star Emily Haig has become a patron of childhood cancer support charity The Henry Allen Trust.

The trust, which is OneMK's charity of the year, helps support children who are battling cancer and their families.

Miss Haig, from Whaddon, said: "I was truly inspired by the incredible work and passion."

Inspired: Emily Haig performing at Proms in the Park in Campbell Park last year

Homeless to be given Calais aid

BY SCOTT KIRK
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ITEMS that could not be donated to Syrian refugees in Calais by members of the Milton Keynes People's Assembly will instead be given to homeless people in the city.

People including Nour Sakr, who lives in Olney but is originally from Syria, were stopped at the border in Dover on Saturday, June 18 as they

tried to deliver items to refugees in the north of France.

But even though they were turned away, people's donations will still be going to a good cause.

"We are very much aware that there is a homeless crisis in Milton Keynes and the rest of the country," said Convenor Kevin Vickers. "Many members of our group are already volunteers with the Winter Shelter and Help our Homeless so it made sense."

Mr Vickers added that he was hoping to still get some items over to Calais, but that people would be going to France in much smaller groups.

"We're hoping to go back there over the next few weekends," he said.

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Value: Hundreds flocked to Bletchley Park to find out from experts the value of their antiques

BY ANDY HANDLEY

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ANTIQUES show Flog It! chose Bletchley Park as the setting to film its 1,000th episode last Wednesday.

Hundreds turned up with valuables, collectables and family treasures for the experts to examine and see if they may be interested in selling.

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Tributes for a 'little lady with big heart'

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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MORE than 150 people attended a memorial service for a well-known seamstress at the weekend.

Touching tributes were paid to Susan Evans, known as Sue or Suzie, of Newport Pagnell, who was a popular figure in the town after working at Mr Clean Dry Cleaners in St John Street for nearly three decades.

Reverends James Whysall and Nick Evans read out some of the messages from both Suzie's family, who attended the service at St Peter and St Paul Parish Church, and those who worked with her.

The family's eulogy said: "She was very talented and creative and was largely self-taught."

"She worked with Maureen at the dry cleaners for 27 years and Bill [Mackey] for 14 years."

"Sue's philosophy in life was to love, live and let live."

After the congregation listened to some of Suzie's favourite songs, including Stairway to Heaven by Led



Tribute: Family and friends came together to remember Susan Evans, a popular seamstress at a Newport Pagnell dry cleaners

Zeppelin, and sang hymns picked by her family, The Rev Evans read out tributes from Maureen and Bill.

Maureen wrote: "The little lady with a big heart. Her humour and character made her quite unique. It was a privilege to know her."

Suzie's family were overwhelmed by the turnout and thanked everyone for their kind words, love and support.

Her nephew Mike said: "It is nice to see she has touched so many hearts."

As previously reported by OneMK, Suzie died suddenly from pneumonia on May 10 aged 61.

After more than 200 cards were sent to the dry cleaners, Sunday's service was organised by Bill, The Rev Evans and residents.

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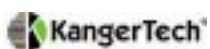


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Postcard workshop for Syrian children

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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YOUNG people can send postcards and letters to Syrian children escaping war in their country at an event this summer.

Festival goes at the annual Art in the Park in Campbell Park will be able to learn about the beauty and magic of one of the oldest capitals in the world – the ancient city of Damascus in Syria – at the Spoken Word Yurt.

Thirty-one-year-old children's author and illustrator Nadine Kaadan grew up in Syria and will be talking about the city she loves on Saturday, July 9.

She said: "Damascus is known as the city of jasmine because it is lovingly planted everywhere. And on summer nights when you are walking thorough the ancient alleyways, you can luxuriate in their beautiful smell."

Nadine will be reading two of her books *The Jasmine Sneeze* and *Tomorrow*.

Her workshop is open to children aged six to nine years old and will teach them



Art in the Park: Author Nadine Kaadan, at a previous workshop for her children's books, is looking forward to her event in MK

how to draw lovely old Damascene houses and traditional tiles on postcards and letters, which will be sent to Syrian children living in refugee camps.

She added: "I want to preserve the beautiful culture and artefacts of Syria and to help those Syrian children that are suffering as a consequence of war."

As OneMK has previously reported, Art in the Park is organised by Milton Keynes

Islamic Arts Heritage and Culture and will take place on Saturday, July 9 and Sunday, July 10.

There will be plenty to enjoy with a mix of live music, performances, visual arts, digital art, storytelling, moving image and workshops.

A spokesman for Art in the Park added: "Following the current EU Referendum reaction it is more important than ever to unite communities."

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Pupils' robots a success in NASA contest

A TEAM of students aged between 12 and 14 years old have won the regional finals of a robotics competition supported by NASA and LEGO.

The seven students from Sir Herbert Leon Academy, in Bletchley, built, programmed and controlled LEGO robots for a series of 'space missions' in the Tomorrow's Engineers EEP Robotics Challenge.

Teacher Steve Panes said: "Taking part in the Robotics Challenge has been an amazing experience for our students. They have had the opportunity to develop their understanding of engineering in robots and have worked extremely hard."

New campus for school is now delayed

A NEW campus due to open in September as part of a multi-million pound 'super school' project has been delayed.

All students who were supposed to be attending Brooklands Campus have been informed and will go to Walton High until work on the site has been completed.

At least 90 children were expected to start in September in years seven, eight and nine.

Milton Keynes Council admits the delay is due to a 'setback' in the delivery of gas, water, electricity and roads.

Free transport to Walton High will be provided for children who had been allocated a place at Brooklands Campus.

Maltese visitors observe award-winning teaching

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A SCHOOL has been recognised for its work with some of the most disadvantaged children in Milton Keynes.

Germader Park School, in Conniburrow, has students aged four to seven that speak more than 21 languages. One of the largest spoken languages is Polish.

Despite this challenge the school has been recognised for the way it teaches children English through phonics – a way of teaching reading through letters and sounds.

Last year the school was awarded the Literacy Quality Mark by the Institute of Education's International Literacy Centre, based at University College London.

Because of this incredible achievement, four teachers from a school in Malta visited for the day on June 16 to see what they could learn about this way of teaching, which they are also doing at their schools.

Germader headteacher Verity Stobart said: "We are extremely proud of our achievements."

"We are in one of the top areas of deprivation in the city and with so many different languages, this phonics style of teaching helps our children achieve. "And we can really

personalise the programme to ensure children's progression."

Teacher Sarah Ray explained that Talk for Writing, which the school also uses, encourages children to learn words, sentences and stories by breaking the story down, drawing pictures and acting out sentences to help them learn stories and sentences orally before they write.

She added: "Instead of just reading a book, we help children learn the book off by heart, then act it out and draw it."

Helen Morris, national leader at the International Literacy Centre at University College London, added: "These teachers from Malta have an understanding of the programme and the success of this school so can see how it is applied here."



Students to take on 3D Print Challenge



Speedy: St Paul's Catholic School students

A FORMULA 3D Print Challenge is taking place at St Paul's Catholic Church in Leadenhall on Tuesday night.

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fuel management during the race.

The competition is being run by 3D Print World of Aylesbury and other schools taking part in the competition include Milton Keynes Academy and Denbigh, Walton High, Sir

Herbert Leon and Ousedale schools.

Paul Tillman, head of design and technology at St Paul's Catholic School, said: "These sectors are of vital importance economically and provide excellent career opportunities for pupils."

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Same-sex partners say all 'love is love'

BY CHRIS KNIGHT

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THE first same-sex couple to get married in the city believe the law change has had a 'massive impact' on attitudes towards the LGBT community.

Bex Streek and partner Alex, from Fullers Slade, changed their civil partnership to a marriage on December 10, 2014.

And OneMK spoke to Bex after Mark Lancaster, MP for Milton Keynes North, admitted he was wrong to vote against the same-sex marriage bill back in 2013.

She said: "I think the law change has had a massive impact and it is nice to hear Mr Lancaster's comments. It has increased acceptance and more people are coming out from behind closed doors. "Any marriage, be it gay or heterosexual, is a beautiful thing. Love is love at the end of the day, regardless of race, religion and sexuality."

Mr Lancaster voted against the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act 2013, which was passed with a majority of 225



Happy: Alex and Bex Streek, who got married in 2014, and Mark Lancaster, inset, who now says he supports same-sex marriage

votes in the Commons.

But after attending his first same-sex marriage celebration on June 18, Mr Lancaster has admitted he was wrong.

He added: "My objection to the Bill at the time was because I felt the legislation was rushed, inadequately consulted on and I got far too drawn into some of the technical detail."

"After attending the most heart-warming and wonderful ceremony, I came to

realise that I should have focused on the principle rather than the detail.

"I think that on reflection I should be clear that I got this particular decision wrong."

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familyentertainment

FAMILIES are invited to the Community Fun Day in Great Linford on Sunday.

Some of the usual popular stalls will be joined this year by some exciting new ones, as well as performances of maypole dancing and paramount parkour. A surprise visit from an X Factor entrant has also been teased!

Mini trampolines, ball in a bucket, football spin the wheel and facepainting will be on offer to entertain the children, while adults can enjoy food and a glass of organic cider while watching the entertainment.

The event will take place at Marsh Drive Sports Ground from 10am-5pm.



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YOU need to arrive hungry for the Wimbledon Afternoon Tea at Frosts Garden Centre in Woburn Sands.

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On arrival, guests receive a welcome glass of Prosecco, Pimms or fresh orange juice, before beginning the 'first set'.

Diners are presented with salmon and cream cheese and ham and mustard sandwiches, as well as chicken pinwheels and savoury scones.

The sandwiches all had flavours that complemented each



other and having never had savoury scones I was impressed with the caramelised onion filling.

The 'second set' included chocolate orange truffles, Pimms fruit shots, mini chocolate tennis rackets, strawberries and cream pavlova and delectable sweet scones all

served with a pot of tea or coffee to your table.

The attention to detail was amazing and I was impressed by the amount of food on offer. And at just £22.95 per person, this afternoon tea was also good value for money.

Jessica Duncan



PEA, MINT AND FETA TORTELLINI

Ingredients

Pasta: 200g pasta flour, 2 large eggs, 1 tsp olive oil, pinch of salt
Filling: Bunch of mint (about 2 tbsp chopped), 1 tbsp chopped chives, salt and pepper, 1 packet feta cheese (about 200g), 125g ricotta, 50g frozen garden peas, 1 egg yolk
Sauce: 400ml passata, 1 shallot, 1 tbsp olive oil, 1 clove garlic, 1 sprig thyme, 1 bay leaf, pinch of caster sugar

Method

1) First make the pasta dough. Put the flour on a large plate or bowl with a rim. Make a well in the centre of the flour and add the eggs, salt and olive oil. Use your hands or a fork to mix all the ingredients together until a dough is formed. Knead briefly until the dough is elastic. Wrap in cling film and rest the dough in the fridge.

2) Finely chop the chives and mint. Place a pan of water on the hob and once it boils add the peas and cook for three minutes. Drain the peas thoroughly. Add the chives, mint, ricotta, feta, peas and egg yolk to a mixing bowl, season and mix.

3) Start your sauce. Finely dice your shallot and soften in a saucepan with the olive oil. Add the garlic and cook for a minute more. Then add the passata and herbs. Season and add sugar if the sauce is too acidic.

4) Roll out your pasta and cut out circles of about 8cm. Spoon your filling into a piping bag and then pipe the filling onto the bottom half of the pasta circle leaving a rim to seal. Spray with water around the rim. Seal the pasta, taking care to squeeze any excess air out. Cook in boiling water for three minutes.

5) Remove the thyme stalk and the bay leaf from the sauce and serve.

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comedyfest

THE Comedy Cow hosts its Milton Keynes Comedy Festival this weekend at the Westbury Arts Centre.

Gary Delaney headlines on Friday night from 6pm, with tickets costing £12.

On Saturday doors open at 2pm with shows, including Tom Binns and Juliette Burton, until 11.30pm.

On Sunday Sam Simmons and Spencer Jones will be among the acts from 2-11.30pm.

Tickets for Saturday and Sunday are £15 and a weekend ticket costs £35. Book at www.ticketsource.co.uk

fantasyadventure

THREE groups from Stantonbury Theatre's Stagedoor Saturday morning drama workshops will be coming together for The Dragon's Tale.

In a distant land, famous fairytale characters live in harmony until a dragon appears to wreak havoc on the community. The shattering of peace reopens old grudges as a new story is told.

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MK LIFE has teamed up with Snozone to offer one lucky family the amazing chance of a free ski or snowboard lesson for four.

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fruitfayre

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For more details, email Paula Diamond at pauladmd@aol.com

week, this discount is valid until September 30 and bookable online.

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epicbattle

GERARD Butler and Game of Thrones star Nikolaj Coster-Waldau square off over the throne in Gods of Egypt.

Director Alex Proyas weaves Egyptian mythology into a big-budget spectacle that is heavy on action but light on everything else.

Set (Butler), the power-hungry god of darkness, seizes the throne by force and blinds Horus (Coster-Waldau) in the process.

The empire is plunged into disorder and chaos and it takes a mere mortal Bek (Brenton Thwaites) to stir Horus into battling to save the world and his true love Zaya (Courtney Eaton) in the process.

If you're looking for a clever plot or a thought-provoking movie, Gods of Egypt certainly isn't for you.

Special effects rule as the muscle-bound gods clash in epic battles on earth, the afterlife and beyond.

Beyond pyramids, sand and the riddle of a sphinx, Proyas merely invokes Egyptian mythology as a background to the carnage.

On the action front, viewers will be entertained by a film, which clearly attempts to replicate the formula of Clash of the Titans.

But with a running time of 128 minutes, it is a little too long to sustain the momentum generated from the film's several ambitious set pieces.

★★★★★

Chris Knight

2050vision

A QUESTION Time-style session will be taking place at MK Gallery.

The question and answer session will allow people to ask commissioners of the MK2050 report about their vision for the city.

Dr Ann Limb, chairman of the South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership, will lead the debate. People attending include MK Dons chairman Pete Winkelman and Sir Peter Gregson, chairman of the commission.

The free event begins at 7.30pm on Tuesday night but you can pre-book by going to www.mkgallery.org



HEART FM has had a winner for Who's On Heart but the team are now encouraging everyone to get on their bikes across the city this summer with Santander Cycles MK

WELL done to everyone who won a great day out in MK on Heart Breakfast last week – thanks to Santander Cycles MK, which are now live across the city!

Have you tried them out yet? If you head over to heart.co.uk there are more chances to win with Santander Cycles MK.

Also, well done to Aaron Cooper, who last week won £100,000 on Who's On Heart.

You'll remember that we launched the game in January and Aaron came on last Tuesday to correctly identify Heather Small as our third and final secret celebrity.

He's currently in the process of booking an amazing family holiday to Disneyland and sorting out separate bedrooms for his kids at home.

We've also started talking



about our new game, which could see you winning up to £10,000 every-time we play!

It's Heart's Happy Summer Days and you can find out more about the game, including how and when to play, by listening to Heart Breakfast or heading over to heart.co.uk

Finally, with the school holidays fast approaching make

sure you put some time in the diary to come and join us on the beach in the centre:mk.

It's back again and set to be bigger and better than ever. Keep an eye on heart.co.uk to find out more about the beach and when we'll be there.

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tesseractgig

THE Craufurd Arms is set to be blown away by the return of Tesseract on Sunday.

At the forefront of progressive hard rock, the five-piece outfit is fresh from Download Festival and in the middle of a world tour with dates across Europe and the US in the next couple of months.

Tickets cost £12 in advance from www.thecraufurdarms.com Doors open at 7.30pm.



henrypriestman

HENRY Priestman is a singer-songwriter with a distinctive voice and great songs.

You are bound to get an evening's pleasure as he is accompanied by Les Glover.

With nearly 40 years in the business he is renowned for his wit and careful observation and will be at York House in London Road, Stony Stratford, on Friday.

Doors open at 7.30pm and tickets cost £10. They are available from www.wegotickets.com/event/354895 or locally at York House and Odell's in Stony High Street.



duckrace

THE annual Olney duck race takes place at Riverfest on Sunday.

Local bands and food will also be on offer at the event, which takes place from noon until 7pm.

The race begins at Emberton Country Park's weir at 1pm and ends at Olney Recreation Ground.

averysunshine

AVERY Sunshine brings her jazzy gospel tones to The Stables on Saturday.

In a career that has seen her perform with BB King and Jools Holland, she can make the very walls of a building shake with her very special blend of soul, jazz and R&B.

Avery has performed on Later...With Jools Holland and opened for BB King at the Royal Albert Hall in her glittering career so far.

Her most recent album, The Sunroom, was released in 2014 and Call My Name, the first single from the album, hit number one on the R&B Billboard chart. Tickets cost £14.50 and are available from www.stables.org

The gig begins at the Wavendon venue at 8pm.



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male seeking

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SINGLE male, 30, 5ft8, blonde hair, blue eyes, medium build, lives in Milton Keynes. WLTm a lovely young lady to spend my time with. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 422175

MATURE Male average build and fit WLTm a lady any status, 45-70, for discreet fun. Text only Mailbox: 5127746

GENT mid 60's, N/S, widower, likes music, dancing, countryside, walks, gardening, seeking a nice female with similar interests for companionship. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 395487

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60's gent 6ft, widowed N/S, considered good looking, neat, tidy and well dressed, seeking similar female. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 404583

MALE, 48, looking for fun, no strings, with a lady in the same position, age unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 421911

SLIM 25yr old, 5ft 6ins male, likes animals, museums, online gaming, walks along the coast, seeking female for relationship. Text only Mailbox: 5436910

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gay seeking

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SIMON, tall, slim, smooth, WLTm someone for fun times, so get in touch! Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 422161

I would like to meet a bi male for some good fun aged 50 plus, if interested please get in touch. Text only Mailbox: 4179998

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Brimming with history

LADIES' Day at Royal Ascot this year had fashion commentators sniping about some of the weird and wacky headgear on the racetrack.

One race-goer turned up in a hat designed to look like a ram's head, complete with horns, while another wore a 2ft high giant rose-petal bonnet. Actress Anna Friel was even accused of wearing a dead pigeon on her head.

The annual June race meeting is famous for frivolous fashion, and designer David Shilling was one of the first to help women make a spectacle of themselves. His hats hit the headlines when he designed one for his mother Gertrude to wear to Royal Ascot when he was 12. The huge headpiece caused a sensation, got his parents on the front pages and Shilling kept up the tradition for more than 30 years until her death in 1999.

The founding father of modern



millinery still creates expensive hats for high society ladies; he once displayed a collection of hats with a price tag of £1million each. But as demand has fallen over the last few decades, Shilling is more likely to be wielding a blowtorch than a needle these days, and lives in Monaco, creating specially commissioned steel sculptures.

He's now decided to sell his

five-storey mid-terrace period house in London's Marylebone. With two bedrooms, three bathrooms, formal dining room and courtyard, the master bedroom on the top floor with en-suite shower room has direct access to the roof terrace through a domed skylight. It's on the market for £1.95m.

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Yo! Get a space-age flat

YO! Sushi founder Simon Woodroffe designed the Live Aid stage at Wembley Stadium in 1985 after years working as a roadie and stage designer for Rod Stewart, the Moody Blues and Jethro Tull.

The restaurant entrepreneur went onto work in TV before sinking his £200,000 life savings into an idea for conveyor-belt sushi bars in 1997, which took off world-wide.

He's now set his sights on the property market with a concept for high-spec, pre-fab mini-homes as a way to give city dwellers more bang for their buck.

His firm YO! Home has submitted plans for 24 modular apartments aimed at young professionals in the up-and-coming New

Islington area of Manchester.

Labelled as the ultimate space-saving apartment, the YO! Home squeezes a bed, kitchen, lounge, dining area and bathroom into a one-bedroom studio flat – but with clever space-saving ideas. Walls slide away with a gentle push, a dining room table appears from a compartment in the floor, and a plush king-size bed lowers from the ceiling. The flat is also full of under-floor storage.

Due to the swift construction process – the self-contained pods will be built off-site and then lifted on top of each other – the flats should go on the market later this year, with prices starting at £150,000.

www.yo.co.uk



Bond author's wartime hideout

Jet-setter James Bond isn't often on home turf in Ian Fleming's novels, so readers looking for London settings have to make do with glimpses of St James's (his club), Regent's Park (his 'office') and King's Road (his apartment).

The exception is Moonraker, the third Bond novel, set entirely in England. While chasing Hugo Drax, a megalomaniac would-be dictator, arms manufacturer and card cheat, Bond gambles and drinks in St James's, meets assistant commissioner Vallance at Scotland Yard and prangs his vintage Bentley on the South Circular ring road.

The Moonraker villain lived in Belgravia's Ebury Street where there's a scene in the book – it's also where you'll find a blue plaque to the author who lived at 22b between 1936 and 1945, while working for Naval Intelligence during the war.

The former journalist used his wartime service for the background and detail of Bond's world, although he didn't publish the first book in the series – Casino Royale – until 1952.

Having bought the flat from fascist leader Oswald Mosley, Fleming led an elegant life of dinner parties with friends Noel

Coward and Cyril Connolly, had love affairs and amassed a large collection of first editions and surrealist art.

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Bertie explains, "**Our selling fee is just 0.5% (plus VAT)**; it's not a special offer; it doesn't run for a period of time... It's simply our selling fee! This compares really well against the average high street agent fee, which is often around 1.5% (plus VAT).

"We advertise our selling fees transparently, and state exactly what people are getting for their money; that's what our customers love. We don't have a 'tie in' contract and we feel that, if people are not happy with our services and the effort that we put in, they should be able to walk away. We also **don't charge any up-front fees**; customers are billed on completion of the sale.

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So are LOCAL Estate Agent's agents really local? Bertie explains, "Yes! Our agents live in/ around the area that they work. Therefore, they know a lot about the area. We don't have a front office/back office split where you deal with different people throughout the process... You deal with the same estate agent from valuation to completion of sale. It's bit like having your very own 'personal estate agent'! Also, our agents work from home offices, meaning we don't have overheads, which is how we keep our selling fees so low."

And can the company's houses be found online? Mitch says, "**Our properties are listed on Rightmove** which means customers can treat the website as their 'shop window' of houses. We spend a lot of time photographing our clients' houses, and have even cut the grass for customers before taking photos of their gardens! All these little things make a big difference."

Phew – it was difficult to get a word in during this interview – Bertie clearly is passionate about his service offering, and simply wants to 'help people move for less'. I guess their name says it all – they truly are your LOCAL Estate Agent!!!!

"Oh – and just one more thing" Bertie adds, after a nudge from son, Mitch... (and there's me thinking my interview was over!)... "we never take on more properties than we can handle... we want to give that real focussed and personal service, and too many properties means we spread ourselves too thinly – our answer is to bring in another LOCAL agent!!!!... In fact, that's what we have just done. Our business model means that we are perfectly poised to grow at a pace we can manage, that ensures that our customers get the service we promise..."

It's clear that Bertie, Mitch and the team at LOCAL Estate Agent really do care about their customers, houses and company. For more information, visit their website – www.localestateagentmk.co.uk – or call Bertie or Mitch on 01908 567194 / 07807 570121 / 07956 290571... They'll still be there ready to take your call at 10pm at night!



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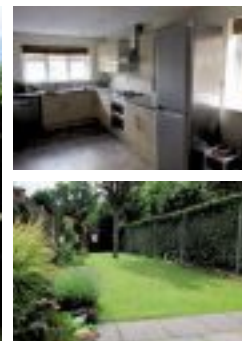
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Interview Date: Tuesday 12th July 2016

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SECTION 73

16/00687/FUL
16/01472/FUL
16/01499/FUL
16/01513/FUL
16/01516/FUL
16/01527/FUL
16/01541/FUL

WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA

Insertion of living room window in gable elevation at 34 Hipwell Court, Olney
Loft conversion with rear dormer window at 71 Stratford Road, Wolverton
Erection of 1.14 metre fence to boundary of Church Farm Crescent to match existing at The Cottage, High Street, Great Linford
Retention of existing installed mechanical plant at the rear of the store, and erection of new screen fencing and gates to both areas (part retrospective) at 25-27 High Street, Woburn Sands
Demolition of existing conservatory, erection of two storey rear extension, re-roofing and conversion of existing outbuilding into utility at 34 Russell Street, Woburn Sands
Single storey rear extension at 21 Mount Pleasant, Stoke Goldington, Newport Pagnell
Erection of security gates to rear entrance at Clifton Court, 48 High Street, Newport Pagnell

SECTION 67 & 73 LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA

16/01217/FUL
16/01218/LBC

Erection of wooden picket fence with removal of wire and post fencing to front of property erection of shed to rear of property at The Old Rectory, High Street, Great Linford
Listed building consent for the repair of derelict boundary wall, and part replacement with wooden picket fence, removal of wire and post fencing to front of property and replacement with wooden picket fence and erection of shed to rear of property at The Old Rectory, High Street, Great Linford

SECTION 67

16/01081/FUL
16/01082/LBC

LISTED BUILDING

Erection of timber building for use as a disabled toilet at St Peters Church, Dag Lane, Stoke Goldington, Newport Pagnell
Listed building consent for the erection of timber building for use as a disabled toilet at St Peters Church, Dag Lane, Stoke Goldington, Newport Pagnell

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED) TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES) ORDER 2010 NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 MAJOR

16/00672/OUT
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Outline application (all matters reserved except access) for residential development up to 203 dwellings, doctor's surgery, open space, landscaping, pedestrian, cycle and vehicular access from Newport Road and Cranfield Road and supporting infrastructure at Land North of Cranfield Road, Woburn Sands
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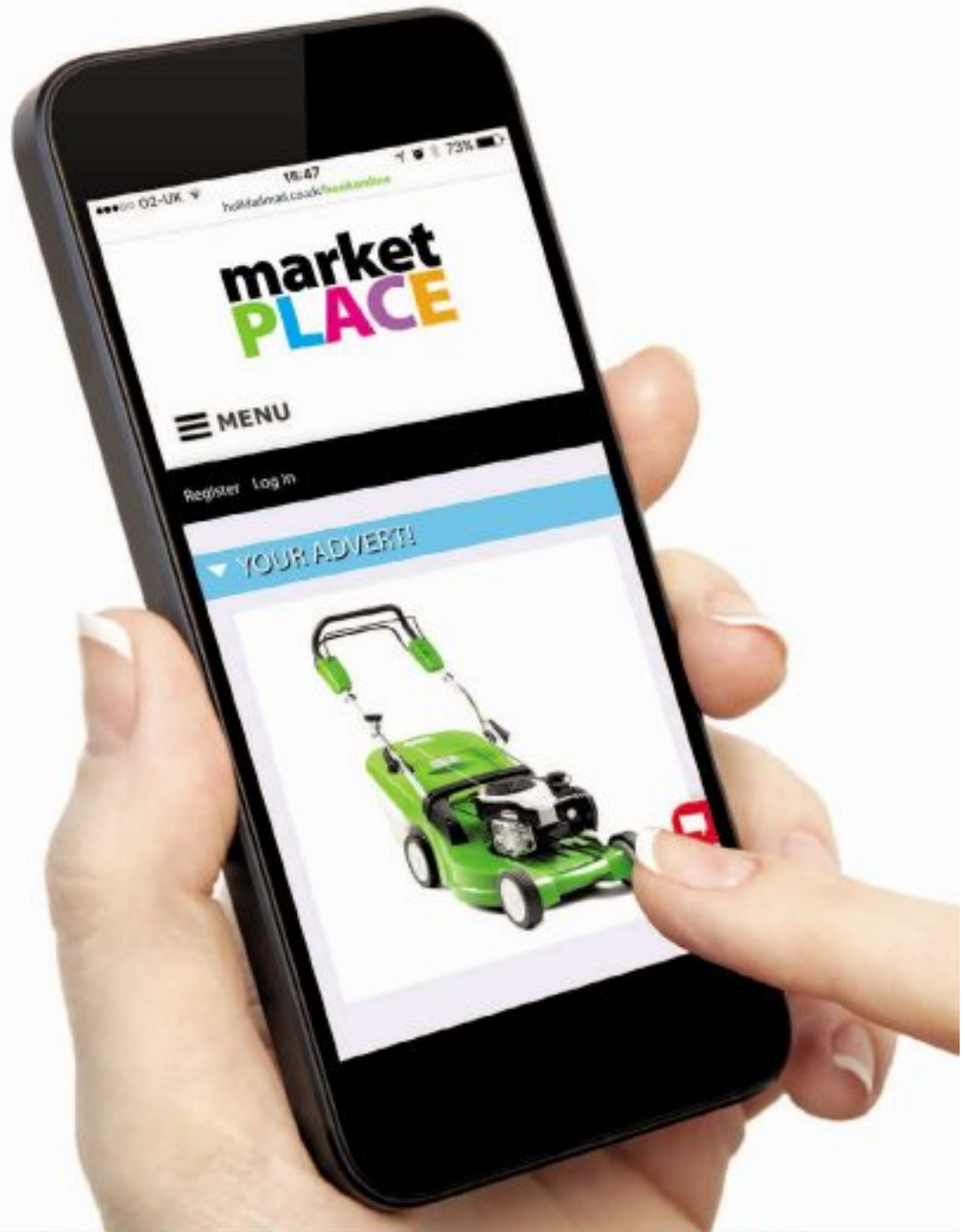


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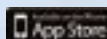
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Prices announced for new Vauxhalls



By: Stewart Smith

VAUXHALL has announced prices for its new Mokka X and Zafira Tourer models which will be in showrooms from October.

The new Mokka X SUV will have a starting price of £17,590 and comes with a number of petrol and diesel engines to choose from, including the new-to-range 1.4i 153bhp Turbo automatic petrol engine, as well as the 1.6CDTi 110bhp ecoFLEX manual diesel.

The new six-speed manual diesel engine version is available at every trim level and delivers up to 72.4mpg. It is available from £19,515 with the Design Nav trim.

Elsewhere in the range, Vauxhall is also introducing a new generation 1.4-litre Direct Injection Turbo (153bhp) petrol unit that offers 0-60mph acceleration of just 9.4 seconds and a top

speed of 120mph. With a six-speed automatic transmission, adaptive all-wheel drive and start/stop, the 1.4 Turbo engine is available from £21,150 in Design Nav trim.

Elite Nav is the top-of-the-range and will be priced from £22,855 and comes with full leather interior, heated front seats and steering wheel, and tinted rear windows.

The popular new Zafira Tourer will have an entry level price of £18,615 - an increase of £1,300 over the current model - and comes with an attractive new exterior and interior that emphasises its spacious design and outstanding in-car connectivity.

The latest model comes with the Flex7 seating system, ergonomically-certified front seats, a Flex-Fix bicycle carrier and FlexRide adaptive damping.

Vauxhall is offering choice of two engines for the new Zafira Tourer, the 1.4i 140bhp Turbo or the 2.0CDTi 170bhp in either manual or automatic transmission. By choosing the 2.0CDTi 170PS diesel engine with start/stop manual transmission, the Zafira Tourer offers customers a combined fuel consumption of between 57.7mpg and 54.3mpg.

The range-topping Elite Nav model adds the Vauxhall 950 Satellite navigation system and 18-in alloy wheels. The panoramic sunroof is also standard in this trim, as are heated leather ergonomic front sports seats, dark tinted rear windows, electronic climate control and front fog lights. The Elite Nav trim is priced from £25,445

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Renault Kadjar Signature Nav dCi 130

By: Jon Smith

IF any car maker knows how to turn out sparkling family models, it's Renault.

Building cars that suit busy mums and dads who must watch the pennies – or the euros – is something ingrained in the French firm's DNA. Look back through the decades... Megane, Clio, Scenic, Espace, R16 and even the basic but radical R4 of the Sixties.

But it has a far less impressive record of designing prestige saloons and coupes.

Witness the Avantime, a strange and angular large three-door coupe, and the ungainly Vel Satis saloon. Both flopped and were destined for shortened lifespans.

So it's good to see the firm that was Britain's third best seller (after Ford and Vauxhall) at the start of this century, back in its comfort zone and doing what it does best – making solid, good value family cars.

Translated into today's idiom this inevitably means a crossover. Thanks to Renault's alliance with Nissan the French giant has produced its own version of the Qashqai, Nissan's most successful car ever.

More exciting visually that the Qashqai, around 60% of the parts are shared but the Kadjar has its own and its own personality.

Model for model, prices are a tad more reasonable too. I drove the Signature Nav dCi 130, which is near the top of the range and costs £24,795. There are less powerful diesel versions and also a 1.2-litre petrol.

With an upmarket, soft-touch cabin, the Kadjar raises the bar in standards set for mid-size SUVs. And there's loads of passenger room for five with ample storage space provided by lockers, door pockets and cubbies.

The opening hatch reveals a 472 litre boot which puts it towards the top of the sector's space race. Fold the rear seats – almost flat – and you have room for 1,478 litres of cargo.

On the road, the 1.6-litre diesel is quiet but punchy with ample high gear power from the 128bhp four cylinder turbo-diesel. It tops out at 118mph and reaches 62mph in just under the 10 second mark.

The performance is easily accessible and unstrained. The manual six-speed gearbox is light and pleasant to use.

Economy is a strong point with near 50mpg within sight for most drivers. The official combined average is 62.8mpg and the CO2 emissions of just 117g/km mean that tax and running costs are kept low.

Most Kadjar models come as two wheel drive, as was the test car. While front drive alone means you lack that ultimate mud-lugging ability, it allows cheaper maintenance and running costs and benefits on-road handling.

Road-holding is sharp and satisfying with decent levels of adhesion and not too much roll. This area of dynamics has improved hugely across the SUV sector in the last couple of years, and the Kadjar is no exception.

Bumps are generally soaked up well but the occasional pot hole or undulation can catch out the suspension.

The newly-redesigned key card is still too easy to mislay despite being coloured white rather than grey and, to my mind, fits into the 'unnecessary technology' category.

With Renault sales on a surge, the likeable Kadjar is sure to reinforce the French firm's return to popularity.

FAST FACTS

Renault Kadjar Signature Nav dCi 130

Price: £24,795

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EXCLUSIVE NEW ZAGATO FROM ASTON MARTIN By: Stewart Smith



ASTON Martin has announced a limited series production of a Vanquish Zagato Coupe, the latest creation from its long-standing partnership with the prestigious Italian design-house Zagato. The Vanquish Zagato Concept was unveiled at the Concorso d'Eleganza Villa d'Este at Lake Como, Italy in May, and following great customer interest, a strictly limited production run of 99 cars will be built to order at Aston Martin's factory in Gaydon, Warwickshire.

The Vanquish Zagato will be powered by the company's 6.0-litre V12 powertrain which has been uprated to increase its output to 600bhp, capable of delivering a projected 0-60mph time of just 3.5 seconds.

ThAston says that the performance, matched to a unique suspension set up will create a unique GT driving experience specific to the Vanquish Zagato.

The design of the production Vanquish Zagato will be closely related to the concept exhibited at Villa d'Este with proportions that remain quintessentially Aston Martin. The new bodywork is entirely shaped from carbon fibre.

Inside, the Vanquish Zagato features herringbone carbon fibre trim paired with anodized bronze and optional aniline leather to give the fascia, vents and rotary dials a rich material quality.

The Zagato is also defined by its 'Z' quilt pattern stitch used on the seat and door sections, as well as the trademark Zagato 'Z' embossed on the headrests and stitched into the centre console. Customer deliveries will begin in the first quarter of 2017. The price is yet to be announced.

LUXURY FORD KUGA VIGNALE ON HORIZON

BY: STEWART SMITH

FORD has revealed the production version of the new Ford Kuga Vignale upscale SUV that will expand the Vignale product and customer experience when it goes on sale in Europe later this year.

The Ford Kuga Vignale has been shown in a pearlescent-metallic Vignale Milano Grigio exterior colour with Cashmere leather interior trim as part of an exclusive specification and will be offered with a range of powerful and efficient Ford EcoBoost petrol and TDCi diesel engines – and with intelligent all-wheel drive.

The Ford Kuga Vignale joins the new Ford S-MAX Vignale sports activity vehicle and Ford Edge Vignale large SUV as one of three new Ford Vignale models presented this year, following the introduction of the Ford Mondeo Vignale in 2015.

The Ford Mondeo and S-MAX Vignale are available to order now with the Edge Vignale due to arrive in late 2016.

Ford says each Kuga Vignale model will be hand-finished by craftspeople at the state-of-the-art Vignale Centre at Ford's manufacturing facility in Valencia, Spain.

The latest laser and camera technology supports the trained eye in closely examining every aspect of a Vignale vehicle from bodyshell and panel alignment to paint finish.



The new all-wheel drive system delivers a transition of torque between all four wheels to provide a more secure footing on the road especially in slippery conditions and can adjust torque delivery up to 50/50 between the front and rear wheels in under 20 milliseconds.

On offer will be four engines, petrol and diesel with outputs from 150bhp to 180bhp with manual and automatic transmissions to choose from plus the all-wheel drive model.

MERCEDES GLC COUPE FOR SEPTEMBER DEBUT BY: STEWART SMITH



standard.

Two model lines are available: Sport and AMG Line, and standard equipment includes Garmin Map Pilot navigation system, Active Park Assist, Artico upholstery in black or beige, keyless start, reversing camera, LED performance head lights, heated front seats, sports suspension and electrically operated tail gate.

Sport models come with a black ash wood interior trim, 18-inch alloy wheels and a diamond grille with black-painted pins.

For £1,495 more, AMG Line adds an AMG sports steering wheel with flat bottom, brushed steel sports pedals, black roof lining and Artico leather in either black or Cranberry Red.

There are numerous optional pieces of kit which can be ordered to customers' requirements, including a Driving Assistance Package (£1,695) which includes Active Blind Spot Assist, Active Lane-keeping Assist, DISTRONIC Plus with Steering Assist, BAS Plus with Crosswind Assist, Pre-safe Plus and Pre-safe Brake with pedestrian detection.

MERCEDES has announced the price of its all new GLC Coupe which will go on sale in the UK in September.

At £40,580 the Coupe is the newest addition to the GLC model range and combines SUV practicality with Coupe-style looks.

The entry level starts with the GLC 220 d which has a 2.1-litre 170bhp diesel engine and delivers a claimed 56.5 mpg on the combined cycle and 131 g/km of CO2.

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on the road

Audi Q2 for Goodwood debut



By: Stewart Smith

Audi will present nine brand new models to the public for the first time in the UK at the Goodwood Festival of Speed including debuts for the new Q2, Audi's most compact SUV and the high-performance R8 V10 Spyder.

Also making their UK public debuts will be the all-new, second-generation Audi S5 Coupe packing a 3.0-litre V6 turbocharged petrol engine with 349bhp and, joining the Audi Sport family, the all-new five-cylinder TT RS Coupe.

Another highlight of the Audi stand will be the new Q7 e-tron quattro, the German brand's largest, most efficient SUV and capable of driving up to 34 miles on electric power alone.

The second-generation A4 Allroad, bridging the gap between the estate and SUV sectors, will be on show for the first time, alongside the 4.0-litre diesel SQ7 SUV.

Paying homage to the R8 GT3 race car that took a total of 323 overall race wins, Audi will also present the new limited edition R8 V10 plus selection 24h. Only 24 of these 610ps monsters will be built, making Audi's most powerful car also one of its most exclusive.

As well as all-new vehicles, Audi's heralded A3 range has been enhanced and will be showcased on its stand in saloon, e-tron and Sportback form.

The Vorsprung durch Technik brand's presence won't only be felt in the exhibition area where the public can get up close to its newest models. It will also star on the hill climb track, where the R8 V10 plus will be taking part in the Michelin Supercar Run on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

NASA SHARP SHOOTER SNAPS A BENTLEY



BENTLEY has used a high tech system originally developed by NASA to produce a 'gigapixel' image of its new extended wheelbase Mulsanne flagship crossing San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge.

An incredible 4,425 times larger than a typical smartphone image, the extraordinary photograph is made up of approximately 53 billion pixels (or 53,000 megapixels).

It was created by taking 700 individual shots from the same location and 'stitching' them together digitally. The result, if reproduced in standard print format, would be the size of a football field.

Viewers can use an innovative, interactive zoom function to travel from 700 metres out all the way

By: Mike Torpey

into the Mulsanne's cabin – right down to the 4,500 individual stitches in the embroidered 'Winged B' headrest logo.

Kevin Rose, Bentley's sales and marketing director, said: "Nowhere is Bentley's famed attention to detail better demonstrated than with our new Mulsanne. We wanted to commission this shot to capture both the exquisite detailing of the Mulsanne and the epic scale of our brand's ambitions. We believe the result is truly extraordinary."

The imaging system was created by NASA scientists to enable the Mars rovers to take exploratory panoramic photographs.

JAPFEST GETS READY TO ROCK

By: Mike Torpey

A celebration to mark a million Mazda MX-5s and a display of Boxer-engined Subarus to commemorate 50-years of the brand's famous flat-four engine will be in store for fans of Japanese performance cars at this weekend's Japfest Rock!

The second event in the Japfest series, at Rockingham Motor Speedway in Corby, Northants, promises a day of track and static action plus some unique features.

The gates will be open from Saturday afternoon, with camping and live

entertainment including three DJs running from 8pm until midnight.

Day two includes a 40-car display from the Mazda MX-5 Owners Club, featuring 10 from each of the two-seater sports car's generations on show.

Another big draw will be the show's Drift Passenger Rides, which were a hit in 2015, in which visitors can sit alongside a professional drifter for £15 for three laps.

More info from the Japfest website



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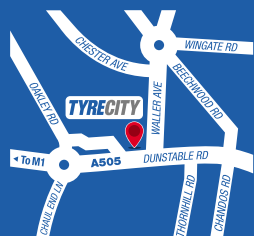
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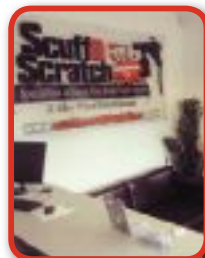
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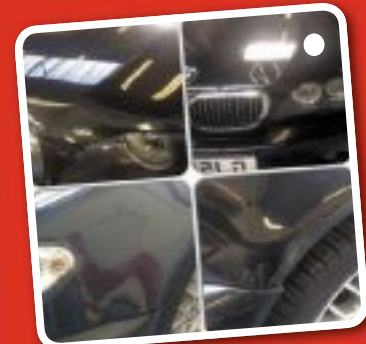
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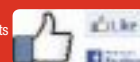
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Olney Sevens turns 10 years old



Winning ways: Olney Sevens Trophy winners, Ilkley Sevens.

BY SCOTT KIRK

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THE 10th anniversary of the Olney Sevens tournament was another great occasion at the weekend.

There was some quality rugby on display and that was the name of the game despite a downpour halting play for 90 minutes, with hailstones inexplicably coming down even though that it was the middle of June. The annual event still produced many engaging encounters, with 146 games taking place.

And despite the challenging conditions, there were a hoard of supporters who turned up throughout the day.

With scenes that could easily have been Glastonbury given the volume of mud, there was plenty by way of spirits, sportsmanship and celebrations for what is one of the biggest tournaments of its kind in the area.

The Brakspear Men's Open saw Rugby Agents and Sherrards Assassins, last year's winners, go out in two very close semi-finals.

It was Ilkley Sevens who took the Olney Sevens Trophy.

They beat Coventry Nighthawks in the final and displayed their Sevens experience as they emerged triumphant with a 19-5 victory.

Tom Jubb of Coventry Nighthawks was named Brakspear player of the tournament for his role.

The Stimpsons Eves Men's Social Tournament was won by the Stinger Sevens, with Olney Rapscallions taking the plate.

In the Lamorna B&B Ladies Open the Snowballs team, which included a number of familiar Olney faces, were awarded the trophy.

They were able to win their final against Camp Hill 20-0 – an impressive performance to cancel out their opponents in scoring zero points.

The Girls Sevens saw Buckingham win the Under 13s tournament.

Newark took the Under 15s event and Esher and Cobham Swans were victorious as they took the Under 18 title home with them.

Olney Sevens is part of the England Rugby 24/Sevens series.

The winning Men's and Ladies' teams from the tournament now progress to a regional play off at Allianz Park, which is the home of Premiership rugby club Saracens.

The competition culminates in a showpiece national grand final event.

There are 24 teams that take part in this event, which will be held at the end of July, and the extravaganza is hosted by England Rugby.

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CRICKET

Weather plays havoc with cricket schedule

WHILE the weather did have an adverse effect on the majority of games that were played across Milton Keynes over the weekend, there was still some action that was able to take place.

Rain interrupted Stony Stratford's match against Brixworth in the Northamptonshire Cricket League but they were doing well in the first innings.

A 141-run partnership was shared by Vicram Sohail,

who contributed 75 runs to the overall tally, and Jarrod Pretorius, who had a knock of 80.

Stony were bowled out for 253 in total.

In reply Brixworth were 141 when the rain arrived. Marc Bell was unbeaten on 53 and doing well before the weather intervened, with Dean Bryce and Teja Nidamanuru among the wickets for Stony.

In the Four Counties

League, Aspley Guise were beaten by two wickets at the hands of Eaton Bray, who strengthened their lead at the top to 30 points.

Among the matches called off were Thurleigh v New Bradwell, Olney Town v Milton Keynes and North Crawley v New City (Milton Keynes).

In the Cherwell Cricket League, Great Brickhill's match with Twyford fell by the wayside.

CLUB OF THE WEEK

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Bancroft Park Petanque Club What activities are carried out there?

Petanque is a French sport and the object of the game is to throw your balls with an arched back-spin so that they land closer to the small object ball, called a cochonnet, than those of your opponent, or strike and drive the object ball toward your other balls and away from your opponent's. Bancroft Park are always looking for new players and would like to reach out to younger players who would like to compete, win and possibly go on to represent the



region or even the country.

When do you meet?

As well as playing in competitions we play socially.

There is a social game played every Tuesday and Thursday from 2pm to 5pm. There is also a social game every Sunday from 11am to 1pm.

How much does it cost to join?

Anyone is free to come and give it a try and we have a selection of boules available for others to use. The cost of joining the club and playing is just £7 per year.

Where do you meet?

Bancroft Park Petanque Club is situated just below the car park at Roman Park Residents' Club, Constantine Way. The postcode is MK13 0RA.

Polish international Luposki is snapped up by Lightning

BY SCOTT KIRK

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MK LIGHTNING have snapped up the services of Mikolaj Lopuski from top Polish side GKS Tychy.

The 30-year-old is a long-standing member of the Polish international team and the Gdansk-born Lopuski has been with Tychy since the 2012 season.

He boasts an impressive record as in all but one year he has averaged more than a point per game.

After beginning his career in his homeland at just 19, he moved to the Czech Republic.

After two seasons he moved to a club in the Slovakian second tier in 2006 but in 2007 he returned to his hometown.

The right winger has remained in his home country since then and in addition to domestic honours, Lopuski has enjoyed success at international level, which includes two silver medals and one gold at World Junior level, then two bronze, two silver and one gold medal at the World Championships at senior level.

He was one of the Polish league title winning team in 2014-15, the league highest goal scorer in 2012-13 and was selected to represent his country in the last three consecutive Olympic Games qualification rounds.

At six foot two inches and weighing 198lbs, Lopuski will add physicality to the Lightning's attack, using his considerable experience in a top European league as well as internationally.

Speaking of his move Lopuski said:



New addition: Mikolaj Lopuski has joined MK Lightning after impressing in his native Poland

"Signing for Milton Keynes is the start of a new episode in my life, this is a team that I really want to be part of.

"I spoke with (netminder) Przemyslaw Odrobny and he had nothing but good things to say about the organisation.

"I know Pete Russell from his work with the Great Britain team and now I'm really happy to be working with him.

"Hopefully me and my family will be

able to settle in quickly; we're looking forward to making some happy memories here."

Lightning head coach Pete Russell spoke about the qualities he saw in Lopuski:

Russell said: "He has good size, is a powerful skater and is strong on the walls. He's strong down low and has a great shot."

"He has been a top end guy on his

teams and is an important player in the Polish national team.

"I've been able to watch the Polish team a lot over the last three seasons and they just keep getting stronger – their mentality and work ethic has long stood out. When it looked like us signing Mikolaj was going to be possible, I knew we just had to make it happen. I'm absolutely delighted to have been able to add him to our roster."

FORMULA ONE

Double-header looms for Red Bull

RED Bull Racing has two Grand Prix over the next couple of weeks.

The Austrian Grand Prix on Sunday is followed immediately by the British Grand Prix at Silverstone and Max Verstappen insists that he loves it when races come in successive weekends.

"I love back-to-back weekends," said Dutch driver Verstappen.

"It's awesome to keep the ball rolling, if there was a three week break it would eat at me.

"We haven't had the results we would like in Austria in the past but I think we're coming there with our best package yet so hopefully that can put us up into the top five.

"I love street circuits, but equally I love high-speed corners and fast circuits and Silverstone has got some of the best on the calendar in Magotts, Becketts and Chapel."

The Tilbrook team currently lie third in the constructors' championship 33 points behind Ferrari, while in the drivers' standings, Verstappen is sixth and team-mate Daniel Ricciardo is fifth.

DONS

Could Maynard be returning?

■ CONTINUED FROM BACK PAGE Robinson said that he would not be sold to a rival in the league.

"You don't get the amount of smoke we've had without any fire.

"Every player is for sale when the sale makes the team better and doesn't negate us or strengthen somebody else in our league.

"If the sale will make us better then that's different.

"If a player is unhappy he sits in the reserves – I don't care.

"Nobody is for sale to a competitor.

"They have the best job in the world but it's not got to that with Kyle yet – if they don't want to be here then the agent needs to do some work."

The Daily Record reported yesterday that right back Lee Hodson is on the verge of joining Rangers following his loan spell at Kilmarnock in the second half of last year, which means the acquisition of Williams could come at the perfect time as he can play on either flank.



Back in action: MK Dons in training yesterday

Picture by Andy Handley

Looking further up the field, talks will be held with Simon Church over his future following the conclusion of Wales' Euro 2016 campaign, which he is a part of, while Tom Hitchcock has been placed on the transfer list.

But what may appeal to Dons fans was that on Thursday the club had a chat with Nicky Maynard over him

rejoining Dons. He is one of six players who Robinson wants to bring to the club before the season starts at the beginning of August.

Robinson said: "Nicky is a free agent and there are a number of clubs chasing him.

"We won't break the bank but we know what it will take to bring him in."

sport briefs

ATHLETICS

CHRIS Clarke finished fifth in the British Championships and Olympic Trials 200m final held in Birmingham.

Over the same distance Joey Duck ran 24.27 for second in her heat. Rachel Gibbens placed 10th in the pole vault while Laura Zialor, the youngest in the event, triple jumped 12.30m for ninth.

The Marshall Milton Keynes Athletics Club combined U17 and U20 athletes team travelled to Stoke for their third Midlands Premier Youth Development League match. They lost by a single point to Birchfield Harriers for second. The U20 men saw Alfie Yabsley and Conrad Webber winning their 1500m events. Jonathan Pownall won the javelin.

YOUTH ATHLETICS

SCHOOLCHILDREN will enjoy a mini-Olympics in Aylesbury on Friday as 1,300 pupils from across

Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes compete in 13 different sports. Two Mile Ash School, Orchard Academy, Middleton Primary School, Bushfield School, Giles Brook School, Shenley Brook End School, Lord Grey School, Oxley Park Academy, Broughton Fields Primary School, Olney Middle School, and Heronsgate School will compete in disciplines including netball, hockey, golf, athletics, badminton and cycling.

GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL

THE MAN v FAT Football scheme is for the very first time available across the UK, including Milton Keynes. Kicking off across July 2016 at five-a-side centre Powerleague, men who want to tackle their weight issues now have the chance to join this incredibly successful weight loss league.

MOTORSPORT

ANDREW Jarman, seasoned GT racer, welcomed Bluebox Corporate Finance to his stable of successful partners during his Michelin GT3 Le Mans Cup debut with TF Sport at la Sarthe last weekend on route to a top six finish. Jarman will next be in action between August 27 and 28 at the Paul Ricard Circuit in France.

ICE HOCKEY

MK LIGHTNING U13s reached the final of a Junior Ice Hockey tournament in Sheffield. The U15s also sent two teams, with the A team beating Kilmarnock 3-1. Callum Field (U13) and Bryce Barnes Garner (U15) received All Stars awards for their performances.



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Rio awaits: Chris and Gabby Adcock, who live in Milton Keynes, are among the best chances for Team GB to win a medal at the Olympics, which begin in August and are being held in Brazil



Badminton players are named in Team GB squad

BY SCOTT KIRK
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TEAM GB has announced the eight badminton players who will represent the country during the 2016 Rio Olympics.

With the headquarters and most of the players based in Milton Keynes, England's world number seven pairing Chris and Gabby Adcock will lead the charge and compete in the mixed doubles.

They finished last year on a high with victory at the World Superseries

Finals in Dubai in December. Chris, who won gold at the Commonwealth Games in 2014 with wife Gabby, made his Olympic debut at London 2012.

He said: "I am really excited now it has been announced.

"We have a full quota in Rio in the badminton and this is the first time that we have had Rio on our tops and it is really exciting.

"It is a good feeling right now.

"I am as excited now as I was before London 2012 and it is such a special thing to go to any Olympic Games."

Gabby added: "Now it has been announced, it is starting to feel real and there is a massive buzz around the National Badminton Centre."

In the men's singles eight-time English National Champion Rajiv Ouseph is also set for his second Games appearance after competing at London 2012.

Kirsty Gilmour, Heather Olver and Lauren Smith and Olympic debutantes Chris Langridge and Marcus Ellis round off the team.

Team GB have won two medals in badminton since its inclusion as a

full-medal sport in 1992. England star Ouseph said: "I'm very happy to be selected for Team GB.

"It was a long, tough year in terms of tournaments but I'm just happy that's over and now I can concentrate on actually competing."

Aspley Guise cyclist Ryan Owens has also had his place confirmed in Team GB.

The 20-year-old sprinter is the youngest cyclist in the team.

Long jumper Greg Rutherford also had his place confirmed in the squad on Monday.

Plenty of change as Dons return for pre-season

IT HAS been a busy week for MK Dons as the players returned for pre-season training on Monday, with plenty of developments taking place among the defence in particular.

Yesterday, full back and former Dons academy graduate George Williams was signed on a free transfer from Barnsley, while Paul Downing was snapped up on a free transfer from Walsall on Monday.

With Jordan Spence and Antony Kay having left during the summer, and Harry Hickford departing for Forest Green Rovers last Friday, it helps bolster the numbers in defence.

The signings will please boss Karl Robinson all the more considering that Dons beat three other clubs in getting their signature.

"I've always liked Paul and they always had some good players at Walsall," said Robinson.

"Our centre backs are a good age and I want a high-energy team.

"George Williams has come full circle and I'm the proudest man in the world for getting that done.

"Both of them have met four of the teams in this league and we've won the race for their signature."

Williams also said that he was delighted to return to his hometown club.

He told mkdons.com: "Me and the gaffer had a really good chat but he didn't have to sell it to me. I know the club well from my time here and ever since I left I've always checked up on Dons.

"It was one of the easiest decisions I've made to come back here. There was a bit of interest in me but as soon as I knew MK Dons was interested in me, my mind was made up."

Also over the last week, Kyle McFadzean was understood to have handed in a transfer request at the club in a bid to push through a move to Sheffield United, but

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